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IN THE DESCRIPTION:

Please amend the first full paragraph of original page 3 as follows:

-- In a first aspect of the present invention, there is provided a heavy-duty clamp for a hose, the clamp including a loop for disposing around the hose and having first and second axially spaced apart looped ends, the clamp comprising: a force generator, for drawing together the first and second looped ends, and connected to the first and second looped ends, the force generator including at least one disc spring mounted thereon and made out of steel corrosion resistant material so as to allow substantially high and constant clamping force from the force generator under circumferential expansion and contraction of the hose over temperature operational condition of the hose and the clamp and humidity operational condition over time; and a spacer member mounted on the force generator between the disc spring and the first looped end for axially transferring the clamping force from the force generator to the first and second looped ends, the clamping force axially drawing together the first and second looped ends so as to clamp the hose. --

Please amend the second full paragraph of original page 5 as follows:

-- Typically, a plate is hingeably connected to the first looped end, ~~the plate being for allowing insertion of the clamp around the hose passing through a gap located in between the first and second looped ends and to be positionable in a continuous relationship with the loop when once the clamp is disposed around the hose, thereby so as to substantially close off a closing off the gap located in~~ between the first and second looped ends. --